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- ~~ALL Lower Austrian District Organizations of the Social Party are instructed~~
gasse 1. The instruction course will last for three days and will embrace the following subjects: Public Political Activity of the Party; Expansion and Strengthening of the Party; Work in the Factories; The Role of the Factory Organizations; The Role of the Membership Meeting; The Work of the Directorates (Leitungen). This will be followed by a five-day seminar in which the following subjects will be discussed: Problems in Political Economy; Problems of the Economic and Political Development of Austria; The China Problem; The Work of a District Secretary; The Conduct of the Party and Its Members.
- A number of training courses have been scheduled by the KPOe for 1955. A six-month advanced course for middle-echelon functionaries will begin on 9 January 1955 at the KPOe's Central Party School in Vienna. In charge will be one Kamil (fnu) and Genia Lande, both Soviet-trained ~~specialists in communist theory and practice~~. Two five-week courses are to be held from early January to late March at the Provincial Party School in Mauerbach. Ten two-week courses, extending through July 1955, will be presented under the direction of one Sperrling (fnu) at the Party's Moedling School.¹
- In accordance with a resolution adopted by the KPOe Central Committee in its plenary meeting of 14-15 November 1954, Lower Austrian district organizations have been instructed to undertake an all-out propaganda attack on the Austrian People's Party (OeVP) as the party of reaction and the instrument of a new Anschluss with Germany. In a meeting of Lower Austrian functionaries on 20 November, Provincial Chairman Franz Honner stated that the KPOe has heretofore been overly pre-occupied with its campaign against the Socialist Party.

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Comment. During October, an unusual increase of activity within the KPOe was evident. The current emphasis on schooling and membership meetings, as well as a general tightening up of the Party, appears to have more behind it than similar gestures have had in the past. A long-anticipated reorganization of the Party is being undertaken to improve its efficiency. The Party's

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Bezirksleitung has been placed under pressure by the Landesleitung to select functionaries for advanced training, to consolidate some of its lower organizations for greater administrative efficiency, and to organize a series of public meetings and demonstrations to bring the Party "into the street" and closer to the people.

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 [redacted] Comment1 This re [redacted] the following of [redacted] another approach to the [redacted] common cause with the Socialists.

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